

***New legislation will prevent nations who vote to recognize a Palestinian State from receiving Foreign Military Financing from the U.S. government***

Washington, DC – On Tuesday, Rep Steve Israel (D – New York) announced new legislation to block U.S. foreign military financing from going to states that undermine Israel by voting for a United Nations resolution to recognize a Palestinian state.

“We won’t allow other country to vote against our best friend with one hand in the UN and come to Congress to seek taxpayer dollars with the other hand,” said Rep. Israel.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas has walked away from negotiations with Israel and has signed an agreement to bring the terrorist organization Hamas into the Palestinian government.

Later this month, Prime Minister Abbas plans to ask the United Nations General Assembly to vote on a resolution to recognize a Palestinian state. President Barack Obama has asserted that the United States will veto such a resolution.

Rep. Israel’s legislation sends a powerful message to those nations considering supporting the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state by blocking U.S. government foreign military financing for the nations that vote yes on any such resolution.

Rep. Israel is a leading voice in Congress supporting Israel. In the 112th Congress, he is a co-sponsor of H.Res. 268, a resolution to support an Israeli-Palestinian peace process and oppose Palestinian attempts for unilateral recognition; H.Res. 244, a resolution to oppose aid to a Palestinian government that includes Hamas; and H.R. 1592, a bill to prohibit U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority if the Palestinians unilaterally declare a Palestinian state.